

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

1. (Previously presented) An electronic camera which obtains a desired image from a server storing images of tourist spots and providing an image in accordance with a request from a user through an external communication device, the electronic camera comprising:

a communication device which transmits a request for obtaining an image of a tourist spot to the server through the external communication device which determines a communication area in which the external communication device is located, and receives information and the image of the tourist spot around the communication area from the server;

a display which displays the information and the image of the tourist spot obtained from the server through the external communication device;

an information input device which selects and inputs a desired image from the displayed tourist spot information; and

a recording medium which records the image of the tourist spot received through the external communication device and records an image gotten by an imaging operation.

2. (Previously presented) The electronic camera according to claim 1, further comprising:

an information processing device which combines the image of the tourist spot recorded on the recording medium with the image obtained by the imaging operation.

3. (Withdrawn) An electronic camera which transmits information to and receives information from a server having information of printing shops and transferring an image to a printing shop in accordance with a request for print from a user through an external communication device capable of determining a communication area where the external communication device is, the electronic camera comprising:

a communication device which receives printing shop information in a neighborhood of the communicating area from the server and transmits an image to the printing shop;

a display which displays the printing shop information obtained from the server through the communication device; and

an information input device which selects and inputs a desired printing shop from the displayed printing shop information.

4. (Previously presented) An information obtaining system, comprising:
- a server which stores images of tourist spots and provides an image in accordance with a request from a user; and
 - an electronic camera which obtains a desired image from the server through an external communication device ,
- wherein the electronic camera comprises:
- an imaging device which captures an image of an object;
 - a communication device which transmits a request for obtaining an image of a tourist spot to the server through the external communication device which determines a communication area in which the external communication device is located, and receives the image of the tourist spot from the server; and
 - a recording medium which records the image of the tourist spot received by the communication device and the image captured by an imaging operation,
- wherein the server comprises:
- an image selecting device which selects the image of the tourist spot in the neighborhood on the basis of the information of the communication area of the external communication device when there is sent the request for obtaining the image of the tourist spot through the external communication device from the electronic camera; and
 - a transmitting device which transmits the selected image of the tourist spot to the electronic camera.

5. (Original) The information obtaining system according to claim 4, wherein the electronic camera further comprises an information processing device which combines the image of the tourist spot recorded on the recording medium with the image obtained by the imaging operation.

6. (Withdrawn) A print order system, comprising:

an electronic camera which transmits an image ordered to be printed to a server through an external communication device capable of determining a communication area where the external communication device is; and

the server which receives the order for printing the image transmitted from the electronic camera through the external communication device and transmits the received image to a printing shop in a neighborhood of the communication area,

wherein the electronic camera comprises:

an information input device which selects and inputs the image ordered to be printed from a recording medium on which images are recorded;

a communication device which transmits the image ordered to be printed which is selected and inputted to the server through the external communication device and receives information of the printing shop in the neighborhood from the server; and

a display which displays the received information of the printing shop,

wherein the server comprises:

a selecting device which selects the printing shop in the neighborhood on the basis of information of the communication area of the external communication device when the print order is requested from the electronic camera through the external communication device; and

a transmitting device which transmits the image ordered to be printed to the selected printing shop and transmits the information of the printing shop to the electronic camera.

7. (Withdrawn) The print order system according to claim 6, wherein the server transmits a telephone number of the external communication device to the printing shop and the printing shop records the telephone number in a file of the image ordered to be printed.

8. (Withdrawn) An information obtaining system comprising:

a server which has map data and provides the map data in accordance with a request from a user; and

an electronic camera which obtains desired map data from the server through an external communication device capable of determining a communication area where the external communication device is,

wherein the electronic camera comprises:

a communication device which transmits a request for map data to the server through the external communication device and receives the map data from the server;

a recording medium which records the map data received by the communication device; and

a display which displays a map on the basis of the map data recorded on the recording medium,

wherein the server comprises:

a selecting device which selects the map data in a neighborhood on the basis of the information of the communication area of the external communication device when a request for obtaining the map data is supplied from the electronic camera; and

a transmitting device which transmits the map data selected by the selecting device to the electronic camera.

9. (Withdrawn) The information obtaining system according to claim 8, wherein the electronic camera further comprises:

an information input device which inputs a current position on the map displayed on the display; and

a recording medium on which positional information indicated by the information input device and an image optically-captured are recorded together.

10. (Previously presented) The electronic camera according to claim 1, wherein the server determines the communication area on the basis of communication area information informed by a station.

11. (Previously presented) The electronic camera according to claim 1, wherein the external communication device is included in a wireless communication network.

12. (Previously presented) The electronic camera according to claim 11, wherein said wireless communication network comprises a plurality of base stations, said external communication device communicating with said server via one of said plurality of base stations.

13. (Previously presented) The electronic camera according to claim 12, wherein said wireless communication network further comprises a line control position determination station which controls said external communication device to determine one of said plurality of base stations which is nearest to said external communication device.

14. (Previously presented) The electronic camera according to claim 13, wherein said line control position determination station controls said external communication device to determine said communication area in which said external communication device is located, and transmits information identifying said communication area to said server.

15. (Previously presented) The electronic camera according to claim 14, wherein said server selects a tourist spot information server based on said information identifying said communication area.

16. (Previously presented) The electronic camera according to claim 1, wherein said communication device wirelessly transmits said request to the server through the external communication device, and wirelessly receives said information and the image of the tourist spot around the communication area from the server.

17. (Previously presented) The electronic camera according to claim 1, further comprising:
a mode change switch for selecting a mode from a plurality of modes of said electronic

camera,

wherein upon selecting a communication mode using said mode change switch, said display displays a screen for selecting a communication connecting destination.

18. (Previously presented) The electronic camera according to claim 17, wherein upon selecting said communication connecting destination, said camera starts a communication with said server through said external communication device.

19. (Currently amended) An electronic camera, comprising:

a communication device which:

transmits a request for an image to a server through an external communication device in a wireless communication network, said external communication device determining a communication area in which the external communication device is located and sending information identifying said communication area to said server; and

in said camera, receives information and the image from the server through said external communication device, said image being selected by said server based on said information identifying said communication area.

20. (Previously presented) The electronic camera according to claim 1, further comprising:

a display which displays said information and said image;

an information input device which selects and inputs a desired image from the displayed information; and

a recording medium which records the image.